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SUMMARY. AT FIRST GLANCE, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

PORTION

OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRIKES US AS CLOSELY FOLLOWING BUT

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NOT GOING BEYOND POSITIONS TAKEN AT RAMBOUILLET DURING

BREZHNEV'S VISIT LAST DECEMBER (REFTELS). AS AT RAMBOUILLET, COMMUNIQUE GIVES IMPRESSION OF ROUTINE DISCUSSIONS STRESSING A CLOSE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS BUT CONTAINING NO MAJOR NEW ELEMENTS. WE WILL BE TALKING TO GOF OFFICIALS IN COMING DAYS AND WILL REPORT THEIR VIEWS SEPARATELY. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. DETENTE. THE TWO PARTIES DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO INTENSIFY THEIR COMMON EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DETENTE WITH A VIEW TO CONFERRING A DURABLE NATURE ON THIS DETENTE AND TO EXTENDING IT TO ALL THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

2. CSCE. THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WHICH CONSTITUTES AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE ON THE CONTINENT, WAS AT THE CENTER OF THE EUROPEAN PROBLEMS EXAMINED IN THE COURSE OF THE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RAMBOUILLET DISCUSSIONS AND ON THE BASIS OF THE GOOD PREMISES WHICH EXIST, FRANCE AND THE USSR WILL DO EVERYTHING WHICH DEPENDS UPON THEM AND WILL INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSURE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE TOTAL SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE AND ITS CONCLUSION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

3. MIDDLE EAST. THE TWO PARTIES NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINS VERY WORRISOME. THEY STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THE CONVERGENCE OF THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FRANC AND THE USSR BELIEVE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS ONLY POSSIBLE ON THE CONDITION THAT THE ISRAELI TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, THAT THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BE ASSURED, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A HOMELAND IN THEIR POSSESSION, AND THAT THE RIGHT OF ALL THE STATES AND ALL THE PEOPLES OF THIS REGION TO AN INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE BE SOLIDLY GUARANTEED. THE TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIES HOPE THAT IN THIS PERSPECTIVE THE WORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. CYPRUS. THE TWO PARTIES DECLARED THEMSELVES PREOCCUPIED BY THE COMPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED IN THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRIOT PROBLEM SHOULD BE

FOUNDED ON THE STRICT RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE,
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS. SUCH A SETTLEMENT COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED BY
MEANS OF UNILATERAL ACTS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE DIVISION
OF THE ISLAND AND MUST BE SOUGHT BY MEANS OF NEGOTIA-
TION. FRANCE AND THE USSR DECLARE THEMSELVES IN FAVOR
OF THE RAPID WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS FROM
THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND FOR THE RETURN OF ALL THE
REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES. THEY ARE OF THE OPINION THAT
THE RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS MUST BE
APPLIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

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5. INDOCHINA. AN EXAMINATION OF THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA TOOK PLACE. FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION BELIEVE THAT THE PARIS ACCORDS ON THE CESSATION OF THE WAR AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN VIETNAM MUST BE STRICTLY APPLIED BY ALL THE SIGNATORIES. THEY ONCE AGAIN TOOK PLEASURE IN THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND NATIONAL CONCORD IN LAOS. THEY CONTINUE TO THINK THAT

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THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM MUST BE SETTLED BY THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES, WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

6. DISARMAMENT. THE TWO PARTIES CONFIRMED THE WILL OF FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION TO PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS WHOSE GOAL IS TO BRING ABOUT COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT UNDER A STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THEY DECLARE THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF THE CONVOCAATION OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE NUCLEAR POWERS IN THE PREPARATION AND WORK OF THIS CONFERENCE WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO RELIEVING HUMANITY OF THE BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS.

7. UNITED NATIONS. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE GREAT ROLE PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE DEEPENING OF DETENTE, THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE, SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF RIGOROUS RESPECT OF ITS CHARTER.

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